

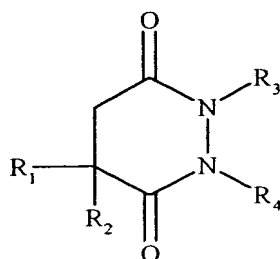
## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A composition comprising:

(A) a lubricant, and

(B) at least one alkyl succinhydrazide compound of the formula:



wherein:

R<sub>1</sub> is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl, alkaryl, alkyl ether, alkyl ester, and alkylene ester groups;

R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl, alkyl ether, and alkyl ester groups; and

R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, linear or branched alkyl and alkenyl groups, aryl groups, and alkaryl groups.

2. The composition of claim 1 wherein the lubricant is a lubricating oil.

3. The composition of claim 1 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is a straight chain hydrocarbon, a branched chain hydrocarbon, a fully saturated hydrocarbon chain, or a partially unsaturated hydrocarbon chain.

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1 4. The composition of claim 2 wherein  $R_1$  is a straight chain hydrocarbon, a branched  
2 chain hydrocarbon, a fully saturated hydrocarbon chain, or a partially unsaturated hydrocarbon  
3 chain.

1 5. The composition of claim 1 wherein  $R_1$  is a hydrocarbon chain of from 1 to 30 carbon  
2 atoms.

1 6. The composition of claim 2 wherein  $R_1$  is a hydrocarbon chain of from 1 to 30 carbon  
2 atoms.

1 7. The composition of claim 1 wherein  $R_1$  is a linear or branched hexadecylene chain.

1 8. The composition of claim 2 wherein  $R_1$  is a linear or branched hexadecylene chain..

1 9. The composition of claim 1 wherein the alkyl-succinhydrazide is present in a  
2 concentration in the range of from about 0.01 to about 10 wt%.

1 10. The composition of claim 2 wherein the alkyl-succinhydrazide is present in a  
2 concentration in the range of from about 0.01 to about 10 wt%.

1 11. The composition of claim 1 wherein  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  are independently selected from the  
2 group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, alkyl, alkaryl, and alkenyl.

1 12. The composition of claim 2 wherein  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  are independently selected from the  
2 group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, alkyl, alkaryl, and alkenyl.

1 13. The composition of claim 11 wherein  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  are the same.

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1 14. The composition of claim 12 wherein  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  are the same.

1 15. The composition of claim 13 wherein  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  are hydrogen.

1 16. The composition of claim 14 wherein  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ , and  $R_4$  are hydrogen.

1 17. The composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one additive selected from the  
2 group consisting of dispersants, detergents, corrosion/rust inhibitors, zinc  
3 dialkyldithiophosphates, VI improvers, pour point depressants, antioxidants, and friction  
4 modifiers.

1 18. The composition of claim 2 further comprising at least one additive selected from the  
2 group consisting of dispersants, detergents, corrosion/rust inhibitors, zinc  
3 dialkyldithiophosphates, VI improvers, pour point depressants, antioxidants, and friction  
4 modifiers.

1 19. The composition of claim 1 further comprising at least one member selected from the  
2 group consisting of zinc dialkyldithiophosphates, zinc diaryldithiophosphates, and mixtures  
3 thereof.

1 20. The composition of claim 2 further comprising at least one member selected from the  
2 group consisting of zinc dialkyldithiophosphates, zinc diaryldithiophosphates, and mixtures  
3 thereof.